GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3330
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INDIRA GANDHI CANAL PROJECT
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the completion of Indira Gandhi Canal Project within the prescribed time;

(b) the area of land proposed to be irrigated under the project; and

(c) the measures contemplated by the Government to ensure availability of adequate water in the said canal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The responsibility for funding, execution and implementation of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project rests with theGovernment of Rajasthan, as irrigation is a State subject under the Constitution. However, the Central Governmenthas been extending financial assistance to the State from time to time in the form of Advance Plan Assistance, Drought Relief Assistance and assistance under Border Area Development Programme,Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and Command Area Development Programme, for completing the project.

(b) An ultimate area of 19.63 lakh hectare is proposed to be irrigated under the project.

(c) Bhakra Beas Management Board, in whichRajasthan is also represented, decides the releases of water considering the availability of waters and the shares of Pubjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the waters ofthe rivers Ravi and Beas, in the monthly technical meeting of the Board.